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SUBJ: RUMORS OF UNREST IN NIGERIAN MILITARY

REF: KADUNA 457 AND PREVIOUS

1. BRITISH DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER IN IBADAN JOHN SIMEON REVIEWED WITH ME REPORTS HE HAD FROM COUNTERPART WILSON IN KADUNA ON UNREST IN MILITARY AND ASKED IF I HAD HEARD ANYTHING ABOUT THEM. HE ALSO VERY SKEPTICAL OF VALIDITY OF RUMORS. IN COMPARING WITH SIMILAR STORIES CIRCULATING PRIOR TO ASSASSINATION OF MURTALA, HE SAID THESE MUCH MORE VAGUE AND SEEMING TO LACK SUBSTANCE. I AGREED BUT ADDED THAT I SENSED CERTAIN FEELING OF UNEASE AND NERVOUSNESS AMONG SOME OF MILITARY IN IBADAN. 2ND DIV GOC MARTIN ADAMU HAS JUST RETURNED FROM LAGOS AND IS OUTWARDLY CALM AND IS USUAL FRIENDLY SELF. WIFE, HOWEVER, HAS BEEN NERVOUS AND WORRIED OVER PAST FEW WEEKS, CITING AS DISTURBING THE EARLY RETIREMENT OF SEVERAL GENERALS WITHOUT EXPLANATION. SHE TELEPHONED SIMEON'S WIFE YESTERDAY TO ASK IF ANYTHING WAS KNOWN ABOUT THE JX EXECUTIVE TYPE JETS AIRCRAFT WHICH LANDED AND TOOK OFF THREE TIMES FROM IBADAN AIRPORT THAT DAY(AIRPORT NOT SUITABLE FOR JET AIRCRAFT).

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2. WE CERTAINLY CANNOT CONFIRM OR DENY RUMORS OF UNREST FROM NORTH. THEY NOT CIRCULATING DOWN HERE. MILITARY DOES NOT APPEAR UNHAPPY. FACT THAT WIFE OF MIDDLEBELTER GOC IS NERVOUS IS NOT UNUSUAL IN CIRCUMSTANCES.

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